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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM OPANAL SEC GEN RE OPANAL PARTICIPA-  
TION IN INFCE

REF: MEXICO 17654

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF A LETTER  
DATED OCTOBER 19 FROM OPANAL SEC GEN HECTOR GROS ESPIELL  
TO THE AMBASSADOR:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO ADDRESS YOUR EXCELLENCY IN REFERENCE  
TO THE 'CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL SOBRE EVALUACION DEL  
CICLO DE COMBUSTIBLE NUCLEAR' (INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE  
ORGANIZING CONFERENCE) WHICH WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 19, 1977.

"OPANAL, THE AGENCY CREATED BY THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO,  
WHICH TODAY HAS 22 MEMBERS, HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY 24 AMERI-  
CAN STATES AND SIGNED BY 25, IS NATURALLY VERY INTERESTED  
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IN SAID CONFERENCE. THIS IS NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS THE  
ONLY EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, BASED UPON A  
TREATY IN EFFECT, WHICH HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE EFFECTIVE  
CONTROL OF THE PROSCRIPTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN LATIN  
AMERICA, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES  
PARTY TO THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO HAVE CONCEIVED OF IT  
AS THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE AT A REGIONAL LEVEL

FOR COORDINATING AND PLANNING THE PEACEFUL UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN LATIN AMERICA (ART. 17 OF THE TREATY AND THE COMMEMORATIVE DECLARATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 14, 1977).

"THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND VENEZUELA, WHICH ARE THE TWO MEMBER STATES OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO INCLUDED IN THE GROUP OF 40 OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH OPENS TODAY, HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON TO INDICATE TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES THESE POINTS AND THE NEED FOR OPANAL TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE WORK WHICH BEGINS TODAY.

"UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I REQUEST THAT YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, CONVEY TO SAID AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER, OPANAL'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WHOSE OPENING SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 19TH OF OCTOBER.

"I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION."

2. ORIGINAL OF LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.  
REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE CONCERNING APPROPRIATE  
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